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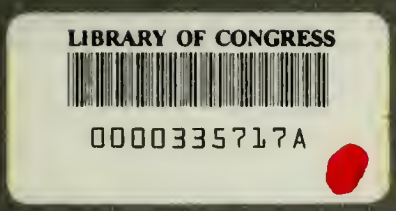

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" in honor of

GEORGE WASHI[illegible]TON

written
On the 100th Anniversary
of his Inauguration
as
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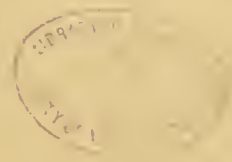
President of the United States
of America

1--- George Washington.
2--- Columbus and the Land [illegible].
3--- The Naval and Military [illegible]



Chas. H. Page

Sons of America! of Anglo Saxon race

From which proud source came Washington in [illegible]

For you I wrote this feeble Verse, give it [illegible]

To you I humbly dedicate my rugged rhymes.

George Washington.

1

Go forth my Rhymes and soar as Incense to [illegible]
Who gave his Country freedom: her heroic Son
To whom a Century ago, with one acclaim
Her infant States joint suffrage gave- [illegible]
To-day far higher titles greet his honor'd Name
"The Father of His Country"- "Our great Washington"

2

His loving Countrymen can never over-praise
This Patriot, Soldier, Courteous Gentleman;
Their Nation's brightest Star; in whose reflected ray
Shine Lincoln, Grant, Lee, Sherman, Jackson, [illegible].

3

He gave his Country Liberty! the World's respect;
Peace, Wealth and sweet contentment; "[illegible]
And those enduring Legacies- so rich- [illegible]
By fear of blemish or reproach, still [illegible]
Resplendent in the golden circling [illegible],
That spring and radiate fro[illegible] Washington's [illegible].

Columbus and the Early Adventurers.

1

But whilst you offer tribute to your Hero's [illegible],
Forget not other men of like heroic mould:
Whose daring courage brought America to birth;
The noble, resolute Adventurers of Old.

2

First in Renown and Time, the great Columbus [illegible],
Whose sails the Saintly Isabel of Spain unfurl'd,
Who sow'd the seed of Faith in these dark heathen lands
And gave to doubting Christendom a new-born World.

3

Then Cabot, Ponce, Cartier, Gilbert, Hudson came,
Whose wondrous deeds the page of history [illegible];
Each won and left as heritage- his Star of Fame -
To-day a Galaxy- the vast "United States".

4

And mark you this(well worthy of far deeper [illegible]
If those brave men, by Fate, your Claims [illegible];
Our Christian Light, our Faith [illegible]
[illegible]

The Naval and Military Review..

1

It was a goodly sight in Union Square to [illegible]
The Sons of Men- once Foes- march by in Union;
Comrades in Arms henceforth- to guard their [illegible]
From Foreign Foe or Anarchy's malignant hand-

2

Historic Sister States their well-train'd [illegible]
To make this Grand Parade a National Event;
With loud applause, the Navy too, by Cannon's [illegible],
Proclaims the perfect Brotherhood of North [illegible].

3

Such happy Concord will perpetuate your Fame,
If you be firm and true to Washington's good [illegible],
His Purity, good Faith and rigid sense of [illegible]
Under whose fertile Shadow grew your Empire's [illegible].

4

Be therefore incorruptible! ne'er be it thought
That Freemens' Ballots may with bribes or [illegible]
Beware your Politicians' covert lust of Gold,
Historic Curse and Scourge of Nations, [illegible].

Ladies.

"Ill fares the land- to hast'ning Ills a prey;
Where Wealth accumulates and Men decay"-
Thus run the Poet's lines, well known to all,
Thus thought brave Bishop Potter at St. Paul;
Whose wholesome words prophetic "line by line"
Recall the history of Rome's decline-;
Foretell your shame if patronage be sold,
If Partizans' foul "deals" pass uncontroll'd.

Follow George Washington- whate'er betide:
Like him keep clean your path at Honor's side;
Let his example be your guardian Light
In social Fellowship- in Party Fight-:
Away with foul corruption's Spoils! too rife-
And emulate his pure and faithful Life-;
Then shall your Country's Strength and Woman's pride
Until the coming of Eternal Day.-

L'Envoi.

1

Perchance my lines may sound too rude in
When "deals" are dealt in softly, co[illegible]
For too outspoken for the ears of th[illegible],
Bring public scorn and scandal to the C[illegible]

2

No fear of censure or abuse from tainted Men
Nor frown of Millionaires in lust of power of
Nor love of supple Lobbyists- has held my pen
From calling public thought to punish public

"Veritas sine timore."

4th. July, 18[illegible].

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